

VIII. *The larva of Orgyia splendida* (dubia). By  
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PLATE XI.

I MET with this insect at Cuenca and Tragacete in 1901, and in 1903 found the larvae abundantly at Moncayo, still further to the north. My observations on the species were published in the Ent. Record, XIV (1902), p. 41, and XVI (1904), 195.

Two excellent drawings of the larva, however, by Mr. E. C. Knight, have remained in my drawers from that date unpublished. This seems very unfortunate, and they are better to be printed now than not at all. Their special interest lies in the larva being decidedly different in colouring from Freyer's figure of *dubia* (Taf. 297), from Rambur's figure of *splendida* (Fauna d'Andalusia, Pl. XV, fig. 6*d*) and from Spuler's figure (Nacht., Pl. II, fig. 13); the latter, from some source unknown to me, being most like it.

Moncayo appears to be the most northern habitat of the species, the larvae are more brilliantly coloured, and the imagines have a larger area of orange yellow than the more southern or eastern examples.

The brilliancy of the larva depends on the deep black especially of the tufts, contrasted with the white and red brown rather than black being the ground-colour of other figured larvae of the species. There are other colour-differences, which the figures absolve me from specifying. The species is certainly remarkable for having definite geographical races differing not only in the imago, but also in the larval state.